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INDO GERMAN AGREEMENT ON BIOTECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Germany have signed a bilateral agreement in the field of bio-technology;

(b) if so, whether it will encourage the research activities in the field of bio-technology of protein science, tissue and cell cancer, AIDS and T. B.; and

(c) if so, whether the Indian scientists will also be given training under the said joint programme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. A special arrangement between the Department of Biotechnology and Forschungszentrum Julich GMBH(FZJ) (National Research Centre, Julich) for cooperation in Biotechnology was signed on February 15, 2001 at Julich, Germany. This would facilitate joint collaborations on specific topics of mutual interest in the areas of new technologies for synthesis, regulations and transport mechanisms of secreted proteins, genetic engineering for over expression of proteins, microbial transformation processes, protein structure by x-ray crystallography, application of bacterial enzymes, cell culture techniques etc. The agreement has provision to further areas of cooperation.

(c) : Training of Indian scientists is included in the cooperation arrangement.